A SERVICE OF LOVE

For

JOHNNIE LUE MARDIS



Friday, May 12, 1989

11:30 A.M.

Emmanuel Church of God In Christ

1397 East 33rd Street, Los Angeles, California

Bishop Charles E. Blake

Officiant

OBITUARY

SISTER JOHNNIE LUE MARDIS was born May 23, 1912 in Birmingham, Alabama to John and Dora Smith. She was the youngest of four children.

She was educated in the Birmingham public schools, and was a graduate of Alabama State Teachers College in Montgomery.

Sister Mardis professed a hope in Christ at an early age. She was an excellent church worker. She served in several departments of the church and was a talented pianist. She played for and directed choirs throughout Birmingham. She was a member of the 6th Avenue Baptist Church. Her pastor was the late Rev. John W. Goodgame, Sr.

On October 25, 1933, she married her 'childhood sweetheart'. They were almost inseparable for more than 55 years of marriage. Their love budded early while in the fourth grade and blossomed into a full and fruitful life. The acme of their life was when their daughter was born. So glorious was the occasion, they named her "Glorious" Agnes.

The young Mardis family later moved to Detroit, Michigan where they resided for a brief period of time before moving to Los Angeles, CA. They became members of Emmanuel Church of God In Christ, June, 1949 under the pastorate of the late Bishop Samuel Martin Crouch. Sister Mardis worked faithfully in various departments of Emmanuel. She was an ardent worker and was a member of the original 'Personal Workers' Choir'. During those early days, she introduced a very special song to her husband, Pastor Mardis and accompanied him on the piano. His anointed singing of "The Love of God" was frequently requested by the late Bishop Crouch and ministered showers of blessings upon the congregation.

She attended jail services and participated in that teaching and witnessing ministry. She was affiliated with the Sunshine Band and the great Child Evangelism Programs with the late Mother Josephine Williams. Her minstry took her to the Biscaluz County Jail Center early on Sunday mornings. So dedicated to the work and ministry of the Lord, she and members of the group would stop to change their uniforms enroute to her post at Emmanuel to sing in the Senior Choir. Sister Mardis remained a faithful and committed servant to the call of the Lord. She was active until her mother's illness required her devoted loving attention and care.

In later years, because of personal illness, Sister Mardis was unable to actively serve as she had in the past. However, her calling of the Lord was sure. She never failed to witness and pray and speak life giving words of encouragement to anyone who came into her presence or called her on the telephone. She would say, "Are you saved? Do you know the Lord?" Her testimony echoes still, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?. . . For I am

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Viewing: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. only
Master of Ceremony, Eld. Lincoln Fuller

PROCESSIONAL ..... Bro. Brian Turner
"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" Sis. Doris Wilbourne

PRAYER ..... Eld. J.C. Brewster

SCRIPTURES—Psalm 28:7-9; Rom. 8:35-39 .... Eld. Malcolm Lewis

SELECTION—"It Is Well With My Soul". . Sis. Mary Campbell/Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT: (brief)
Mother Katherine Bankhead, For Emmanuel Women's Dept.
Mother, Barbara Lewis, Supv., Women's Dept.,
So. Calif. First Jurisdiction
Mother Gertie Houston, Supv., Women's Dept.,
Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

SOLO—"Just To Behold His Face" ..... Mrs. Doris Wilbourne

TRIBUTE—"By Granddaughter" ..... Miss Charmain Young

REFLECTIONS. (3 min. please)
Evang. Mae Ephraim Stewart, Sunshine Band & Youth Church
Dea. Henry Jenkins, Emmanuel Brotherhood
Eld. Prince Sykes, Son by choice
Dr. Noah Shumate, Personal workers

SOLO—"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" ..... Mrs. Dorothy Davis

WORDS OF COMFORT:
Bishop W.A. Alexander, Jurisdictional Bishop, Montana
Bishop B.J. Crouch, Jurisdictional Bishop, Metropolitan
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Bishop M.C. Griffin, Jurisdictional Bishop, New Mexico

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TELEGRAMS,
CARDS, Etc. - OBITUARY ..... Sis. Hortense Cerile

SOLO ..... Sis. Velton Garnett
"Nothing Between My Soul and My Saviour"

EULOGY ..... Bishop Charles E. Blake, Jurisdictional
Southern California First Jurisdiction

RECESSIONAL

persuaded, that . . . 'nothing shall be able to separate 'me' from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

On Monday, May 8, 1989, she said "Good Night Here!" Until we'll say, "Good Morning Up There!" She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Eld. Leroy R. Mardis; her daughter, Mrs. Glorious Agnes Young; three grandchildren, Charmain, Calvin, and Cristal Young, all of L.A.; JoAnn Nunn, niece; William and Jimmy Ward, cousins, and a host of other relatives, close friends and the Emmanuel Family.

When sorrow comes, as come it must,
In God a man must place his trust;
With all the wealth which we may own,
He then must meet the test alone!
And only he may stand serene
Who has a faith on which to lean.
Life is a story in volumes three
The Past, the Present, and the Yet-to-be.
The first is finished and laid away
The second we are living day by day,
The third, the last of the volumes three, is hid from sight,
GOD HOLDS THE KEY.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

DEA. WILLIAM FREEMAN
DEA. HENRY JENKINS
DEA. JAMES MIZELL
ELD. ARCHIE BROOKS
DEA. CLARENCE CAMPBELL
DEA. GEORGE SMITH
DEA. ARTHUR JONES

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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INTERMENT

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Inglewood, California

Angelus Funeral Home

Directors in Charge